

Remarks

Claims 1-8, 13-17, 26-30, 37-43, and 78-79 are pending. Claims 9-12, 18-25, 31-36, 44-77, and 80-83 are canceled in this Response.

Declaration

A clear scan of the original Declaration accompanies this Response. A newly signed Declaration, therefore, is not required.

Objection to the Abstract

The Abstract has been amended to change "comprises" to "includes."

Displaying Feedback Separately For Plural Parameter Values

Claim 1 has been amended to recite displaying feedback separately for each of a plurality of parameter values associated with consequences of the printmode selection. Similar amendments have been made to Claims 14 and 27. Claim 38 has been amended to recite a user feedback component discrete from the printmode selection component, the user feedback component configured to display feedback separately for each of a plurality of parameter values associated with a selected printmode. Support for the amendments is found, for example, in Fig. 11 which illustrates a discrete feedback window 810 displaying media type (Non-HP Media), print density (200% Print Density), number of passes (6-Pass), and throughput (A-size, four minutes etc.) associated with the printmode selection.

Neither Jacobs (6271926) nor Moro (6327051) teach these limitations.

Jacobs teaches displaying brightness and contrast adjustments together on a single display – if you adjust brightness (i.e., select brightness "printmode"), the brightness of the image on the display changes and if you change contrast (i.e., select contrast "printmode"), the contrast of the image on the display changes. Jacobs Fig. 7 and text at column 8. Jacobs does not teach displaying feedback separately for each of a plurality of parameter values associated with the selected print mode as recited in amended Claims 1, 14, 27 and 38.

Moro teaches automatically setting print parameters that correlate to another parameter setting selected by the user. See e.g., Moro Abstract and column 14, lines 52-67. These automatic settings, however, are transparent to the user. That is to say, these settings are not displayed to the user as feedback to user selection. So far as Applicants can tell, the only "feedback" to parameter selection displayed to the user is an error message calling for the entry of more information (Moro column 9

beginning at line 29) or highlighting the selection on the screen (Moro column 12 beginning at line 46).

Claims 1, 14, 27 and 38 as amended, therefore, are felt to distinguish patentably over Jacobs and Moro along with their respective dependent claims.

Displaying Feedback For Throughput and Density

Claims 6-7, 15-16 and 28-29 have been amended to recite displaying feedback that includes a throughput value and an ink or toner density value after user input associated with ink or toner density (Claims 6, 15 and 28) or throughput (Claims 7, 16 and 29). Claims 41-42 have been amended to recite that the printmode selection component is configured to receive input pertaining to print quality (Claim 41) or throughput (Claim 42) and the user feedback component is configured to display feedback that includes an ink or toner density value and a throughput value.

None of the cited references teach displaying feedback for both density and throughput after receiving user input for density or throughput. For this additional reason, Claims 6-7, 15-16, 28-29 and 41-42 distinguish over the cited art.

For this same reason, Claims 17, 30, 43 and 78-79, which recite a feedback window configured to provide feedback on multiple parameters, distinguish over the art of record.

All claims are now felt to be in condition for allowance.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the pending Office Action.

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